

### STATEMENT ON CELESTONE AVAILABILITY

Schering-Plough anticipates shipping to distributors in the next few days Celestone Soluspan in sufficient quantities to meet the immediate need for neonatal use (fetal lung maturation). The company anticipates having sufficient supplies of the product going forward to meet ongoing demand for this use.

Additionally, <sup>availability</sup> ~~production~~ of new batches of Celestone Soluspan is expected to resume early August. This will help return inventory of the product to normal levels. However, we cannot accurately predict when sufficient product will become available to fill current backorders for uses other than neonatal use.

If you have further questions concerning this matter call the Schering Customer Service Department at 1-800-222-7579.